

THE STATE OF EUROPE.

We placed before our readers, in yesterday's Herald, a summary of the foreign intelligence received by the steamship Canada, which is two weeks later than what we were previously in possession of. That summary came to us direct from Halifax, Nova Scotia, by special express and telegraph, at a great expense, and created some commotion in the community.

By this intelligence we learn the astounding fact that the whole European continent is on the eve of witnessing great events. There is scarce a country in that region that is not agitated to its centre, and in which revolution, war and bloodshed may not be expected to break out, without a moment's warning.

The most striking fact received by this arrival, are the accounts of a sanguinary battle between the British forces and the Sikhs in India, the continuance of peace and order in France, and the growing belief that the republic is safe. That battle, it would seem, was fought with great fury and bravery on both sides, and may be attended with very important consequences.

There seems to be little room for doubt that the victory of the Sikhs was complete, from the fact that the British acknowledge the loss of twenty-five hundred men and ninety-three officers, as well as some of their guns and regimental colors. This loss, we have no doubt, is much under-rated; and this impression is confirmed by the doleful tenor of the remarks made on the result by the English press.

As to the part of the British, very different results were anticipated. Vast preparations were made, not only to attack and defeat the Sikhs, but to annex the Punjab, and make it a portion of British India, in pursuance of the policy which that power has always adopted in that region.

It is important to remark, however, that the important result—may change their plan of operations, and may yet end in a series of disasters to British power in India, which, if they do not annihilate, will seriously weaken it. If such be the case eventually, it will be a retribution not wholly undeserved, and may be the precursor of the downfall of English dominion throughout the world.

The important effects of this Indian intelligence will be, to spirit the disaffected in England and Ireland, and especially those who are opposed to a further continuance of the existing state of things in Canada.

OPINION OF THE CABINET ON THE TARIFF. We annex the opinions of two of the new cabinet, relative to the tariff act of 1842. They will be read with interest just now. That of Mr. Meredith, the present Secretary of the Treasury, is of a very recent date.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 21, 1843. My Dear Sir:—I had the pleasure of receiving, a few days since, your letter on behalf of the committee, inviting me to be present at the whig jubilee in Pottsville, on Saturday next. I regret extremely that my engagements here will prevent me from availing myself of the invitation.

The passage of the act of 1846 involved insult as well as injury to Pennsylvania, and her people must have been blind to their own honor and interest if they did not repudiate the measure. The indignity which the people of the commonwealth, and in an especial and remarkable degree the people of Schuylkill county, have vindicated their rights at the recent elections, not only shows a determination that the principles of the tariff of 1842 shall be restored, and that their industry shall in the future be protected by the views of political parties, but exhibits in a strong light the fact that the people cannot be long deceived, and that they can and will enforce the due responsibility of their public servants.

How to get rich. Knock off two glasses of grog per day from the usual allowance. There's sixpence saved. A couple of cigars less per diem—four pence more saved. Get up from dinner with a good appetite one day and that will save the sixpence of buying bitters in order to get hungry for the next day's meal. Take a little trouble to go to the cheapest stores and publication offices. Instead of paying a dollar to the apothecary for a bottle of his universal cure, obtain from disputation. Will ink and wash. Reading with attention is a lasting pleasure, an instructive one, and costs nothing. Every item of knowledge stored away in the mind is a portion of the securest treasures which we can possess.

For the North Carolina Standard. We have heard the wish expressed by many of our fellow citizens, that a Convention of the Democratic party of this District should be held at some early period, to nominate a candidate for the next Congress. We hope the proposition will meet with general approval. Although our majority is large, our opponents will be watchful to take advantage of divisions in our ranks; and it is the tendency of having many candidates to divide and estrange the different portions of the party. At a time like the present, when collateral questions are agitating the people, we ought to be more than ever careful to preserve that unanimity and harmony, on which our permanent success depends. There can be no difficulty in selecting a suitable standard bearer out of the array of talent among us. Of course we express our preference, but do not think it proper to express it at present.

Mr. Meredith, the Secretary of the Treasury, has appointed Mr. Penrose, of Pennsylvania, to the office of Assistant Secretary of the Treasury. This gentleman was President of the Pennsylvania Senate at the first of the famous "back-shot war," and was the first one to jump out at the window, and fly in perfect consternation, at the approach of the people. He was a Tylerite during the whole of Mr. Tyler's administration, and served as Solicitor of the Treasury. The Whigs are disclaiming it as an "administration" appointment, but say it was the act of the Secretary of the Treasury.

ANOTHER CALIFORNIA WONDER. It is stated on the authority of a gentleman who has just returned from San Francisco, that a spring has been discovered near San Francisco, which possesses the peculiar property of coloring leather to a beautiful jet black. The leather to be colored is allowed to remain in the water for about six days. Other materials are probably affected in like manner, though no experiments have as yet been made.

CONSUMPTION. There is, perhaps, no disease with which our country is afflicted, which creeps so annually so many victims, as that fell and fatal the human consumption. Day after day, year after year, the insatiable monster hurries to the portals of the cold and silent tomb fresh added victims to its conquest. No walk of life is sacred from its blighting influence. No age is exempt from its death-dealing shafts. The old, the middle-aged and the young, all are food for this terrible enemy of mankind. The white-haired patriarch, whose life of temperance has rendered his system impervious to the attacks of other ills, and whose good deeds prepared him for the enjoyment of life's calm evening, finds Consumption fastening its wings upon his vital organs, and he is hurried to his grave.

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